

# SUGAR LAND TODAY

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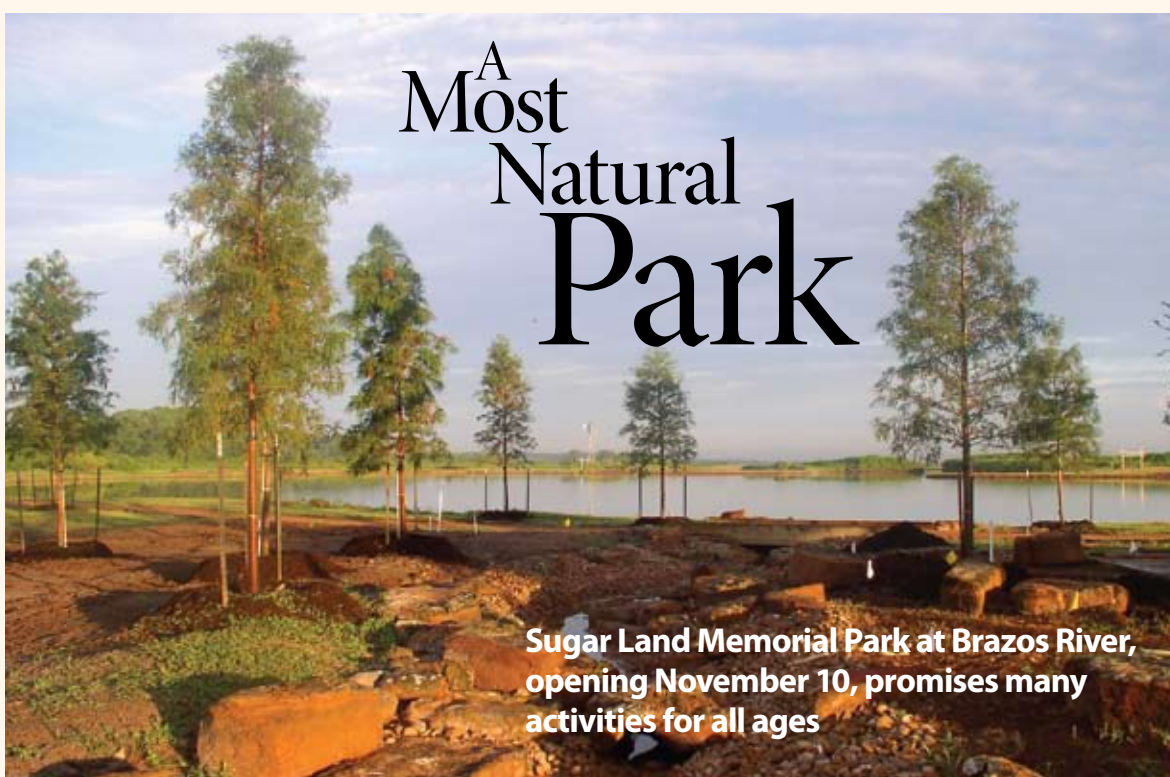
## Street Flooded? It's Just Doing its Job

**T**his summer saw an unusually large amount of rain in southeast Texas, with a few days reminiscent of the two major rain events in 2003 when many of the streets in Fort Bend County flooded. Sugar Land streets are one major reason that storm water did not flood homes or businesses this year.

Rain is conveyed in two ways: Storm sewers and roadside ditches, which are primarily designed to convey less intense yet more frequent rain events, such as a 2-year event (50 percent chance of occurrence in a given year). They allow for traffic movement. During more severe rain events—the 25-year, 50-year and 100-year (storms that have a 4 percent, 2 percent, and 1 percent chance of occurrence in any given year)—our streets are designed to handle excess rainfall. In those major events when capacity

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## A Most Natural Park



**Sugar Land Memorial Park at Brazos River, opening November 10, promises many activities for all ages**

Photo courtesy of Randy Hickey, Architect, Huitt-Zollars, Inc.

**G**et back to nature at the newest park in Sugar Land. The Sugar Land Memorial Park at Brazos River Park will have its grand opening during Veteran's Day Weekend on Saturday, November 10, at the intersection of Commonwealth and University Boulevards.

The day will be filled with free activities that include canoeing on the lake, rockwall climbing, fishing demonstrations, an archeological dig led by the Fort Bend Archeological Society and much more. There will be an adventure racing clinic for all ages with sessions throughout the day. Professional coaches from USA Fit Adventure Racing will

teach how to orienteer (similar to an outdoor scavenger hunt), mountain bike and trail run.

REI, the recreational equipment company, will be doing PEAK (Promoting Environmental Awareness in Kids) presentations in the REI tent where you can learn the seven principles of Leave No Trace as well as about protecting outdoor recreation resources.

Sea Center Texas' booth will feature a "touch tank" with various underwater creatures to observe and actually feel. Keep Sugar Land Beautiful, Mothers for Clean Air, the Fort Bend Museum,

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*Citizens will enjoy two-and-a-half miles of walking/jogging trails, a picnic pavilion, canoe launch, playground, open space for sport activities and the beauty of the lake and natural areas.*

**E-News** After a service upgrade, the City's E-News is back up and running. For security reasons, you will need to re-subscribe; just go to [www.sugarlandtx.gov](http://www.sugarlandtx.gov), and select the "Subscribe Today" next to E-News.

### PONDS & LAKES:

Detention isn't just about school.

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### FINANCE:

City Council adopts 2008 City budget.

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**D**uring our budget workshops in August, it was apparent how hard working and dedicated our City Council members are. Each member spent a great amount of time on the budget, analyzing it and readying questions for the budget workshops with staff.

For me, it is a real pleasure working with our Council. They give generously of their time and knowledge, frequently sacrificing time with their families and their businesses. Their responsibilities are never-ending.

Now that they have approved the City's 2007-2008 annual budget, this fall, Council begins establishing priorities for the following year's budget activities. Council also works with City management to assure the success of our long-range plans—drainage, surface water, annexation, parks and recreation and utilities, to name a few. In addition to preparing for three City

Council meetings a month, invariably there are other meetings and presentations requiring their time – to say nothing of copious amounts of reading material.

City Council comprises the membership of the Sugar Land Development Corporation which provides guidance and funding for the operations of the City's economic development program. They all participate on at least one Council committee – Economic Development Business Incentives, Intergovernmental Relations, Finance/Audit and Compensation. These committees serve as a resource to the city manager and staff in their review and recommendation on matters brought before them. Council members also serve as liaison to the City's various boards and commissions and regionally have responsibilities on the Houston-Galveston Council of Governments, among other organizations.

Council rarely becomes involved in the day-to-day management of the City. The City Manager is hired by City Council and I report to them. In turn, City staff reports to me. I have the responsibility to keep Council up-to-date on budgetary matters, the progress of their annual work plan and the projects that are a part of that plan, and other City activities.

But constituents regularly ask City Council members questions about City services—getting a sidewalk repaired, for example, or inquiring about a new building project nearby. It's not the job of Council members to know all the details of City projects—their concerns are larger. But I am always struck at how much detail Council members do know! And how much of their personal time is devoted to residents, seeking their input and concerns. Council relays community feedback to me for any further action required by the City. As you can see, our council is committed to looking after the best interests of the Sugar Land community and its residents.

A successful City also requires an engaged citizenry – we can't do it without you. There are many opportunities for citizen involvement, including Sugar Land 101, an in-depth, 16-week course about your local government. Many program graduates continue to stay involved, seeking an appointment to a board, a commission or signing up for one of the several public safety programs for citizens.

Together, we can continue to make Sugar Land one of the best places to live in Texas, if not the U.S.

## Applications Available for SL 101 Class of 2008

The next Sugar Land 101 class begins February 13, 2008, but applications are available now at the City's Web site and at City Hall. This class is extraordinarily popular so don't wait too long to fill out your application.

To apply, you must be a

Sugar Land resident for at least one year, a registered voter and you must commit to attending the 16 sessions. Applications close Oct. 31. Here are two actual testimonials from the last SL 101: "This is an outstanding program! It is well organized,

informative and fun!" "Little did I realize that committing myself to this class would provide such an enjoyable learning experience."

You can see the SL 101 syllabus at [www.sugarlandtx.gov](http://www.sugarlandtx.gov); go to Citizen Involvement.

## SUGAR LAND GOALS

- Well-planned community
- Safest city in the area
- Strong local economy
- Responsible city government
- Mobility for people
- Livable neighborhoods

## CITY COUNCIL

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Pictured, l to r: **Jeff Sokoloff**, ADL Development Director; **Linda Chapman**, ADL Office Manager; **Adam Segal**, ADL Board Member; **Michele Croft**, ADL volunteer; FBISD Superintendent **Tim Jenney**; Mayor **David Wallace**; **Martin Cominsky**, ADL Southwest Regional Director; **Susan Shaw**, ADL Associate Director of Education; **Jodi Bernstein**, ADL Senior Associate Director; and **Sue Hauenstein**, ADL Board Member.

# SL Truly a Community of Respect

*1<sup>st</sup> City to be Recognized by Anti-Defamation League*

**A**t the Oct. 2 City Council meeting, the Anti-Defamation League presented the City of Sugar Land with a banner announcing the City as the first in the nation to gain the recognition as a Community of Respect®, a Southwest Region initiative.

"Sugar Land's commitment to the Community of Respect® program comes from the top down and permeates the community," said Martin Cominsky, ADL's Southwest Regional Director. "You see that commitment in Mayor Wallace and his promotion of the program, but you also see that commitment in the many

citizens of Sugar Land who signed the Resolution of Respect and who have worked so hard to create an atmosphere of inclusiveness and diversity in their city."

"We can never underestimate the harm that bigotry and intolerance can cause," said Mayor David Wallace. "Sugar Land's citizens, businesses and schools embraced the Community Respect initiative from the very beginning, so to be the first community to be recognized by the ADL is very gratifying."

On March 6 City Council approved a proclamation stating Sugar Land is and will

continue to be a community of respect. This was the first in a series of initiatives that were required to attain the recognition.

The Community of Respect initiative has its roots in the ADL's "No Place for Hate" school program. In the ADL's Southwest Region, more than 100 schools have been recognized for completing the series of ADL-approved "No Place for Hate" anti-bias activities.

Following City Council's proclamation in March, letters of commitment were sent to the City's faith leaders, to news media who live in or near Sugar Land,

and small businesses. The information also was posted on the City's employees' Intranet. The Community of Respect was featured at the Big Day Out, a family event held April 15 in Oyster Creek Park and sponsored by the Mayor's Youth Advisory Council. A huge letter of commitment was available for signature, and residents rapidly added their names to the poster. The City also co-sponsored a Diversity Summit in May that focused on workplace diversity, and the Sugar Land Police Department has initiated hate-crime training for officers.

# Airport Receives Two Federal Grants; Work Continues on GA

**T**he Sugar Land Regional Airport has recently received two grants from the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), administered through the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) Aviation Division. The first is for \$350,000 for design/engineering of the new corporate taxiway "Juliette." (Airports customarily identify runways by numbers and taxiways by letters, but because letters are sometimes audibly confusing, they are also given names—Juliette for taxiway "J." The other three SLRA taxiways are Foxtrot, Hotel and Charley.) The taxiway will allow the development of approximately seven lease sites for corporations to build large hangars to house their company aircraft and aviation departments.

The second grant, in the amount of \$59,000, is for professional engineering services for the design of emergency standby generators for airfield operations and terminal building operations. The airport is a critical evacuation point for aircraft owners in the southwest Texas region. In addition, the airport has received \$2.73 million in discretionary funding from the FAA to construct 175,000 square feet of additional terminal apron pavement.

## T-hangar update

The new t-hangar project has been delayed by the rains in July and August, but the contractor is back on site preparing to pour the last two-thirds of the concrete. This current phase (weather permitting) should be com-



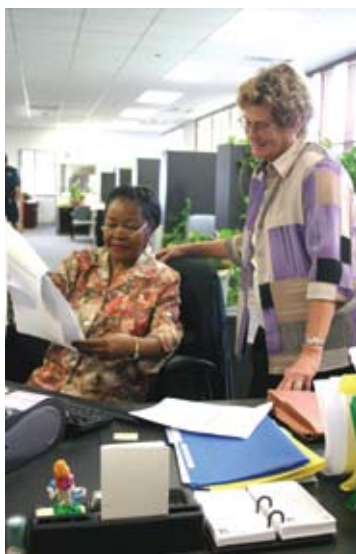
SLRA recently opened a gourmet coffee shop.

pleted in November, followed by the final phase, the construction of 100 t-hangars. At its completion, the investment will exceed \$24 million and represents the largest project undertaken in the history of TxDOT Aviation. The City's share of \$7.4 million is funded through fuel sales and certificates of obligation.

## Airport displays local art

The airport terminal is currently showing an art display by the Conroe Art League entitled "Texas Images." The public is invited and welcome to come and view the art. The terminal is open from 6 a.m.-10 p.m., and now has a gourmet coffee shop serving breakfast and lunch.

# Serve Sugar Land: A New Kind of Volunteer Program



At Municipal Court, Julia Lawrence (left) and Brenda Frye. Opportunities are available at many City departments for volunteers.

**L**ooking for a new volunteer opportunity? Consider Serve Sugar Land, the new City of Sugar Land program that matches volunteers with various City departments in need of assistance. Residents of the City who would like to become more involved are encouraged to explore this new program. Once an application has been received and confirmed, the volunteer office will review the current list of volunteer opportunities and match the applicant with the best fit opportunity.

Volunteer opportunities range from one day of service such as a special event, to a

short-term project for a few days or an ongoing assignment. Diverse opportunities are available in a variety of City Departments. Some require no prior experience or maybe you have a professional degree or certification or a specific skill such as speaking a second language that could be of service.

Julia Lawrence, a retired school administrator, began volunteering with the Municipal Court as a way to "continue her education." She "recognized the importance of parents volunteering in her school," and she wanted to volunteer to help her new community here in Sugar Land.

One of the objectives of the program is to increase public awareness of municipal services, functions and responsibilities. Brenda Frye, retired public health volunteer coordinator, enjoys being on the "other side of a volunteer program." Despite being a long time resident, Brenda shares that she has learned so much about how the City of Sugar Land operates since beginning her volunteer service.

Applications are available on line at the City's Web site. Look for "Citizen Involvement" on the home page or go to [www.sugarlandtx.gov/programs/serve\\_sugarland/index.asp](http://www.sugarlandtx.gov/programs/serve_sugarland/index.asp).



## SL opens detention pond at 59 & 90A

**D**etention ponds are an important part of Sugar Land's Drainage System. We see them everywhere, some as just ponds and others as lakes. They are very attractive features of the Sugar Land landscape and encourage natural aquatic life and aquatic plants and are very useful in protecting water quality by removing certain pollutants, sediment and heavy metals. Many municipalities have detention basins, large areas with no water but designed to hold excess rainwater in a flood event as well as retention basins which maintain a certain water level for aesthetic purposes.

Importantly, detention ponds capture large amounts of storm water runoff, minimizing flooding in that general area. A well-designed detention pond will release its water slowly into a canal or a storm sewer that will take the water to a larger water-

way. By slowing and restricting the amount of water released, these ponds help in lowering the flooding potential of our bayous and waterways.

The City recently completed construction of the regional detention pond just west of the intersection of U.S. 59 and U.S. 90A. The pond performed quite well during the heavy rains of late

June and early July, holding much of the stormwater that would have otherwise made its way to the downstream Jane Long Lake. This detention was part of the overall improvements planned to

minimize developmental impacts in the upstream areas. The City is proactively looking at other areas where detention ponds can be built to accommodate drainage, while also enhancing the aesthetics in the area.



The recently completed detention pond near the intersection of U.S. 59 and U.S. 90A.

## "No Smoking" Ordinance Goes into Effect Dec. 31

A new smoking ordinance in the City of Sugar Land further regulates smoking in public places beginning December 31, 2007. Prohibited areas include public places such as restaurants, businesses, public parks, Town Square Plaza and outdoor arenas. The ordinance was adopted by City Council at its September 4, 2007, meeting.

The ordinance does include exemptions for country clubs, retail tobacco stores, tobacco bars, stage areas for theatrical performances and bars in operation on or before December 31, 2007. (A "bar" is defined as an establishment deriving at least 60 percent of its gross revenues from the sale of alcoholic beverages to customers for on-premises consumption.) Smoking is also allowed in the outdoor seating areas of restaurants.

Enforcement measures will include posting "No Smoking" signs or the international "No Smoking" symbol in every place where smoking is prohibited as well as not allowing the use of ashtrays or other extinguishing devices.

The owner of any premises where smoking is prohibited is the first line of enforcement. Owners are required to request that a violator immediately extinguish any burning tobacco product. Failure to comply is an offense. A person found guilty of violating this ordinance will be fined not more than \$500 for each offense by the City of Sugar Land.

## Construction of New Animal Shelter is Approved

**S**ugar Land City Council gave the formal go-ahead at its September 4 meeting for construction of the City's new animal shelter, at a cost of \$761,580. Completion is expected in late December.

The 4,300 sq. ft. shelter is specifically designed and constructed for animal service needs. It will have a capacity for approximately 40 dogs and 30 cats, plus areas for sick animal isolation and office/reception areas.

"This will be a major improvement over the current facility, and all the animals will be housed inside away from inclement weather," says Kathryn Ketchum, the City's Animal Services Manager. "We will also have increased

space for our volunteers and for residents to visit with the animals."

Sugar Land's Animal Services staff works with area rescue groups to attract prospective pet owners. The shelter had 153 adoptions as of August 31, already more than the entire number in 2006. In addition to pet adoption and managing the lost and found program, the staff performs animal rescues almost daily, be it a stray dog or cat or ducklings trapped in a sewer. Ketchum and the staff also plan to provide educational programs to area schools in the future.

"We are eager to open the new shelter and give these animals a second chance at a good home," says Ketchum.



"It is an exciting undertaking, preserving the past," says City Manager Allen Bogard. "While we have our sights fixed on the future, we always will recognize our strong heritage."

## Heritage Project to Retrieve Historical Artifacts at Imperial Sugar Company

The first steps in a community effort to preserve the historic artifacts at the Imperial Sugar Company and forming a community heritage foundation are underway. The City contracted for services with the Fort Bend County Museum Association to retrieve and store artifacts, photographs and documents from the Imperial Sugar Company property. Cherokee Investments, who acquired the Imperial property in July, has provided a time period for the preservation project to take place prior to Cherokee's remediation efforts on the site.

Large amounts of archival documents and photographs are located throughout the property's offices and out-buildings. Artifacts range in size from large pieces of machinery to small office and personal items. The museum is conducting a thorough video

documentation of the property before work commences. There will be a complete electronic record of all artifacts and documents as well as digital photos of each item.

"The Imperial property defines the history of our city," says City Manager Allen Bogard. "It is essential that we preserve as much of our past as we can. Cherokee is giving us time to do a thorough job, and the Fort Bend County Museum Association are the best people to do that."

Sugar Land is paying the museum \$40,000 for the project. The first and most labor intensive phase of the project is expected to take 60 days and is underway; this will include identification of artifacts, documentation and inventory, sorting into categories and packing and transfer to a storage facility. The second phase of the project will involve the proper conservation and acces-

sion of the artifacts and readying them for future exhibit.

The City's role in this project is to serve as temporary custodian of the Imperial artifacts until the Sugar Land Heritage Foundation (SLHF) can be formed and operational. The artifacts will then be gifted to the SLHF for use in a future Sugar Land museum on the Imperial site which will be created and managed by the community heritage foundation. The City is providing the seed funding to act as a catalyst in the formation of a heritage effort for Sugar Land which will include participation from Cherokee Investments, Imperial Sugar, Fort Bend County Museum Association and community representatives.

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### SLFD Visits 3rd Grade Classes

The Sugar Land Fire Department is joining the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) and other safety advocates to remind children and adults about fire safety during October. This year's theme, "Practice Your Escape Plan," highlights the importance of all families developing and practicing a home fire escape plan. SLFD will be visiting area elementary schools presenting fire safety information exclusively for the third grade. The department's First Annual Open House Oct. 20 and a third-grade poster contest to commemorate Fire Prevention Week October 7-13 are among the many planned activities.

Fire Prevention Week commemorates the Great Chicago Fire of 1871, in which more than 250 people died, 100,000 were left homeless and more than 17,400 structures were destroyed. According to the NFPA, Fire Prevention Week is the longest running public health and safety observance on record.





## SLFD's First Annual Open House

The Sugar Land Fire Department's first-ever Open House on Oct. 20 is an opportunity for citizens to meet their firefighters, talk to SLFD leaders and get a look at the equipment used to keep the City safe.

From 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., the public is encouraged to join SLFD firefighters at the Sugar Land Community Center, 226 Matlage Way, where activities are planned for people of all ages. And best of all, the event is absolutely free.

"There will be lots of cool door prizes, food and most important, we plan to have fun," said SLFD Capt. Michael McLemore, of the Community

Preparedness Office. "We will have firefighters coming by throughout the event to show off our fire trucks, so remember to bring a camera and take your photo with a professional firefighter or Pluggie, the robot fire hydrant."

Activities planned include:

- **Kids Theater:** regularly scheduled fire and life safety videos will play in the media room for kids of all ages throughout the day.
- **Kids Coloring Contest:** All children who participate in the coloring contest will win a prize!
- **Fire Safety Demonstrations:** These will include

cooking pan fire demonstrations and portable fire extinguisher demonstrations.

- **Tours:** Guided fire station tours are planned next door at Fire Station #1.

Informational booths: Learn about the Citizen Fire Academy, the CFA Alumni Organization, the Home Safety Inspection program, the Smoke Alarm Program and the Sugar Land Citizen Emergency Response Team.

SLFD's first Open House is sponsored by the Sugar Land Citizens Fire Academy Alumni. Call the SLFD Community Preparedness Office at 281-275-2859 for more information.

## Numbers Show No Need For Teen Curfew

Juvenile curfew laws are a popular strategy for controlling juvenile crime. The public often supports the laws because they believe curfews make streets safer.

Traditionally, the determination of a minor's curfew has been a family issue rather than a matter determined by government. Increases in juvenile crime and victimization prompt communities to consider evening curfews as a safety measure for their community and its children. According to the U.S. Department of

See "Curfew" on page 13

## mobility

### Highway Improvements

- **S.H. 6 at U.S. 90A:** The S.H. 6 overpass, crossing U.S. 90A and the Union Pacific Railroad, should be open to traffic by the end of October 2007; the remaining part of S.H. 6 is scheduled to be open by the end of December.

- **U.S. 90A from U.S. 59 to Brooks Street:** Scheduled to be completed by spring 2008. The contractor will be opening the remaining newly constructed west-bound lanes by October 2007.

- Additional U.S. 59 north-bound main lanes from north of University Boulevard have been opened.

U.S. 59 southbound main lanes from S.H. 6 to University Boulevard are scheduled to open by October.

- Additional U.S. 59 main lanes crossing the Brazos River are scheduled to open by March 2008. The project will be completed in the summer of 2008.

### City Intersection Improvements

- Rain during June, July and August has hampered the construction work on three lane improvement projects at City intersections. The Williams Trace @ Lexington Blvd. project is 100 percent completed.
- The two projects on S.H. 6 –Town Center intersec-

tion and Lexington Blvd. intersection—have been delayed due to the recent heavy rains. These two projects are 60 percent completed as of October 1.

- Once the two S.H. 6 intersections are completed, work will begin on the final intersection, West Airport Blvd. @ Eldridge Road. The project is scheduled to last six weeks.



Construction on U.S. 90A

**The City of Sugar Land and TxDOT** would like to remind citizens to please drive with extra caution in construction areas.



### Information:

City of Sugar Land Highway Hotline

**281-276-9959**

TxDOT Public Information Hotline:

**713-802-5074**

# Sugar Land 2007-2008 Annual Budget Adopted by City Council

**S**ugar Land City Council adopted a \$150.2 million budget for fiscal year 2007-2008 (Oct. 1, 2007, through Sept. 30, 2008) that effectively balances achievement of community needs and accomplishment of Council priorities, while maintaining financial strength.

The fiscal year 2007-2008 operating budget is structurally balanced, addresses Council priorities, and follows the guidance of the City's Financial Management Policy Statements. This financial plan effectively balances achievement of community needs and accomplishment of Council goals while maintaining our financial strengths.

The 2007-2008 annual budget is designed to provide services for an estimated population of 79,279 as of January 2008, plus an increasing daytime workforce population as the City becomes more of an employment center. It implements decisions that have been made in prior years, and ensures available funding for current services. Where needed, additions to staffing are proposed to maintain or improve current services, prepare for new development and fund select enhancements.

Fiscal Years 06/07 and 07/08 Comparisons			
	FY 2006/07	FY 2007/08	Change
<b>Budget</b>	\$141.6	\$150.2	6% increase
<b>Property Tax Rate</b>	.30655	.30000	-.00655
<b>Property Tax Revenue</b>	\$21.8	\$22.8	4% increase
<b>Total assessed valuation</b>	\$7.036 billion	\$7.579 billion	7% increase
<b>Sales Tax revenue</b>	\$34.4	\$41.2	19.7% increase

(Dollars in millions unless otherwise noted)

The budget includes the addition of 36.5 full-time equivalent positions.

The budget incorporates a reduction in the ad valorem tax rate from \$0.30655 to \$0.30000.

This reduction is in addition to City Council's decision to increase the homestead exemption from 1 percent to 5 percent with a \$5,000 minimum exemption. The impact of the 2007 tax rate to the average residential

taxpayer, based on the average homestead value, is a reduction of \$3.76 or 0.5 percent compared to the 2006 tax bill. The budget also incorporates an increase in

the over-age and disabled persons exemption to \$70,000 as approved by City Council in June.

The \$150.2 million budget is an \$8.57 million or 6.05 percent increase over the total fiscal year 2006-2007 budget of \$141.6 million.

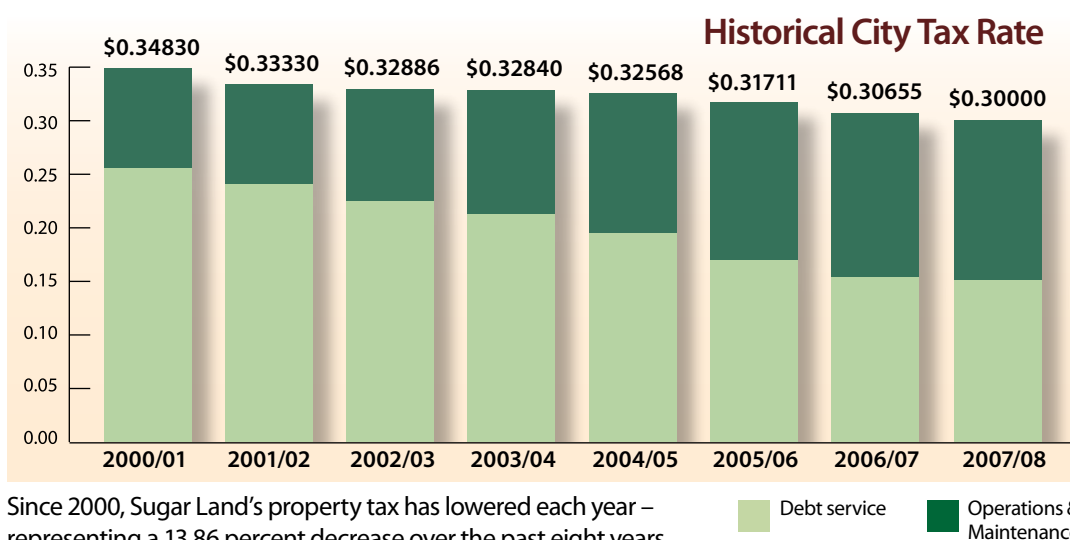
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At \$27 million, the Capital Improvement Plan for fiscal year 2007-2008 represents one of the smaller capital improvement budgets of this decade. This year's budget reflects a strong emphasis in completing very important road construction improvements and the onset of new construction that has been recommended through the City's long-term planning efforts. There are a number of studies and preliminary evaluations underway, for which results will be available early in 2008. City Council may be asked to consider mid-year capital project additions to implement the recommendations of these studies.

The budget includes rate increases for utility customers. The water/wastewater increase is recommended by the City's water rate study that was completed in February 2007. The residential solid waste contract is currently being renegotiated,

with anticipation of a rate increase to go into effect March 1, 2008.

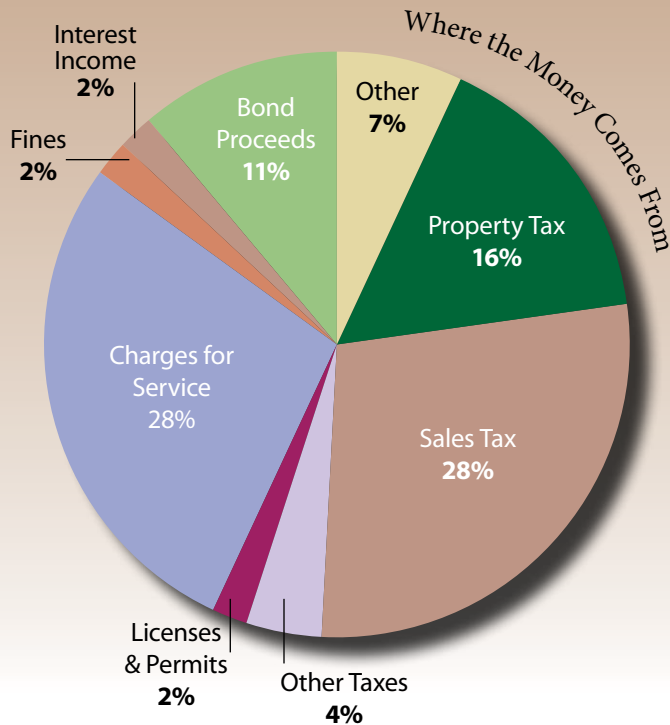
The budget is available at [www.sugarlandtx.gov](http://www.sugarlandtx.gov).





## FISCAL YEAR 2007-2008

### Total Revenues: \$143.84 million



### Revenues:

**Property Tax:** The City's property tax is levied each Oct. 1 on the assessed value listed as of Jan. 1 for all real and business personal property located in the City. The City's 2007 tax rate is \$0.30 per \$100 taxable value. Assessed values are established by the Central Appraisal District for Fort Bend County at 100 percent of the estimated market value and certified by the Appraisal District Review Board.

**Sales Tax:** The sales tax in Sugar Land is 8.25 percent of goods and services sold or delivered within City boundaries. The state retains 6.25 percent and distributes 2 percent to the City.

**Other Taxes** includes Hotel/Motel Occupancy Taxes and Franchise Fees for electricity, telephone and cable.

**Licenses and Permits** includes fees for permits issued for construction activity within the City.

**Charges for Service** include fees for parks and recreation programs, fire protection, solid waste and utilities and

Sugar Land Regional Airport fuel sales and hangar rentals/leases.

**Fines** include the City's portion of municipal court fines and warrant fees. The state requires the City to charge court costs in addition to the fine, of which the City keeps only 10 percent.

**Interest Income** includes earnings on invested City funds. The City has approximately \$80 million in funds that can be invested, which represent fund balances, bond proceeds, and other revenues collected but not yet spent.

**Bond Proceeds** represent the issuance of long-term debt. The City sells bonds in the municipal market and receives funds for construction projects, then repays the debt over 20 years with interest. This allows the City to spread out the project cost over the useful life of the project.

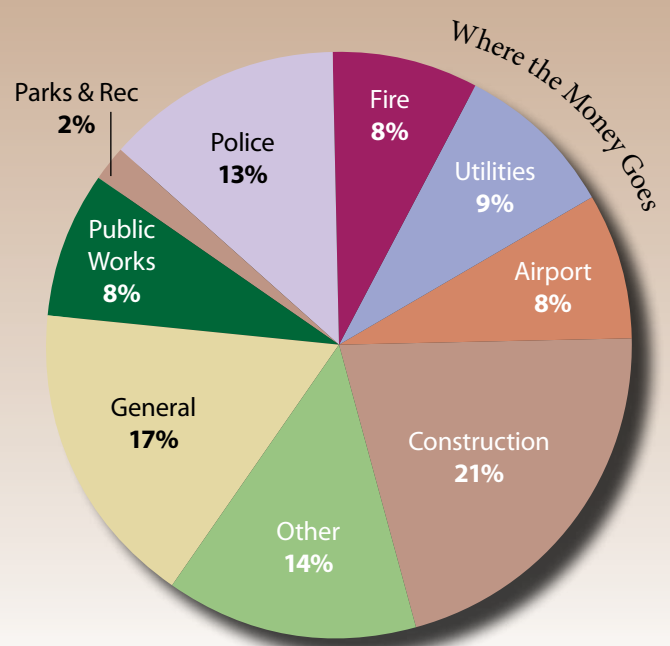
**Other** includes Grant Revenues, Developer Fees and Employee/City Contributions.

### Expenditures:

**General** includes General Government, Business & Intergovernmental, Support Services, Fiscal Services and Community Development.

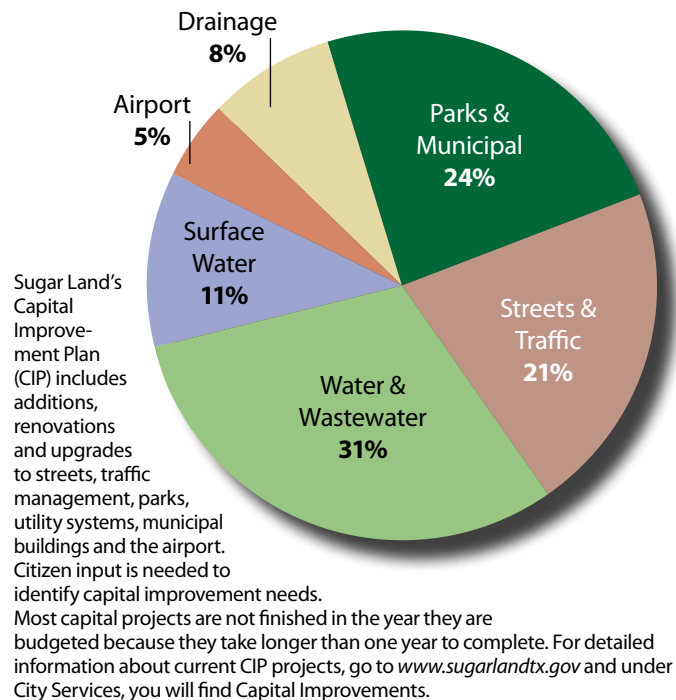
**Other** includes Economic Development Incentives, Insurance Coverage, Capital Replacement and Rebates & Assignments.

### Total Expenditures: \$150.2 million



Total Expenditures includes both recurring and non-recurring uses of funds. Expenditures over revenues of \$6.34 million represents drawdown of existing fund balances for non-recurring uses.

### CIP Projects: \$27.0 million



# County Hazmat Drill Tests Interoperability

**T**he East Fort Bend County Hazardous Materials Response Team was an important part of a recent countywide Hazmat drill. Located at Sugar Land Fire Station #4 and staffed by Sugar Land firefighters, the hazmat team is available 24/7 for response in Fort Bend and 12 surrounding counties.

The Fort Bend County Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC) conducted its full-scale hazmat exercise Sept. 12 with funding from the Texas Governor's Division of Emergency Management. The exercise tested how well emergency response and incident management personnel from city/county government agencies, schools, hospitals

and industry respond to a simulated hazardous materials scenario.

Participating response organizations include Champion Technologies, Missouri City, Richmond, Rosenberg, Stafford, Sugar Land, Fort Bend County Emergency Management, Fort Bend County EMS, Fort Bend County Health & Human Services, Lamar Consolidated ISD, Fresno Volunteer Fire Department, Memorial Hermann Sugar Land, Methodist Sugar Land, Oak Bend Medical Center, Union Pacific Railroad and other LEPC member organizations.

The scenario focused on a simulated chemical release at Champion Technologies in

Fresno; however, all emergency response operations were conducted at the Fire Training Field in Richmond, where simulated victims were transported to three area hospitals to test their hazmat plans. Community warning and public information was also tested at the Fort Bend County Emergency Operation Center.

## Joint SLPD-Fort Bend ISD Training Targets Efficient Response

The Fort Bend ISD Police and the Sugar Land Police Department conducted a joint training exercise at the Dulles Schools' Complex Aug. 23 to ensure a coor-

ordinated, efficient response during future emergencies.

The two agencies conducted preliminary table top drills and small-scale practice exercises last April in preparation for the full-scale exercise this summer. The joint exercise was designed to examine and improve the combined crisis response plans between the two agencies and test the coordination of a multi-agency response in a crisis situation.

Areas of focus included response and mitigation strategies, as well as communication among police departments, the school district, City officials, parents, students, the media and the public.

## services

### Latex Paint Collection Event on Nov. 10

Keep Sugar Land Beautiful, the City of Sugar Land, and Fort Bend County are sponsoring a Latex Paint Collection on Saturday, November 10, 2007, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the University of Houston Sugar Land campus (14000 University Boulevard). Donations will be accepted to pay for the cost of disposal.

The event will be open to all Sugar Land residents. A valid Texas driver's license or other proof of residency will be required. Only latex paint will be accepted at the collection event. Oil-based paints, solvents, flammables, pesticides, herbicides and other similar hazardous materials will not be accepted at this event.

The Fort Bend County Recycle Center—located at 1200 Blume Rd. in Rosenberg—will be open Saturday, November 10th, from 8:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. to accept household hazardous waste. Fees will apply for some items. The facility is open year-round and accepts BOPA materials, household hazardous waste, electronics, appliances and recyclables. Household hazardous waste is accepted only on designated days. For more information or for hours of operation, call 281-633-7527.

For more information on the November 10th Latex Paint Collection, contact Keep Sugar Land Beautiful at 281-313-5752 or e-mail [info@kslb.org](mailto:info@kslb.org).

### SL Promotes WaterWise Youth

**O**ften, we grow “too soon old and too late wise,” but when it comes to wise use of our water resources, Sugar Land is aiming to break that mold. The City plans to sign an inter-local Agreement with the Fort Bend Subsidence District to sponsor water conservation education for area schoolchildren.

The Subsidence District's “Learning to be WaterWise” program is an exciting mix of multimedia materials aimed at promoting water conservation awareness at a receptive age. The program includes educational kits

for each 5th grade student as well as in-school visits from Subsidence District personnel.

The City began a sponsorship program this past year, and plans to expand its support to a larger scale in the coming fiscal year. Additionally, the City receives groundwater conversion credits for each student it sponsors, which can be used to lower the cost of the City's upcoming surface water conversion process. The ability to promote water education while lowering the cost of a regulatory mandate definitely makes this opportunity a “wise” move.



## Trees at Center of City, First Colony Effort

The City of Sugar Land and First Colony Community Association (FCCA) have once again formed a "picture perfect" partnership to see that the City's Tree Trimming ordinance is implemented with as little pain and discomfort to residents and trees as possible.

FCCA took the initiative soon after the Tree Trimming Ordinance was passed in August of 2005 to ensure compliance and the well-being of the numerous trees

### Partnering A Series

throughout the development. The City communicated details of the ordinance and the City's expectations and FCCA immediately adjusted their existing landscape contract specifications to ensure that the "in house" tree trimming would have the resources necessary to comply with the Ordinance. And, FCCA, in their continued effort to serve their

members at the highest levels, developed a program to trim residential street trees twice a year for a minimal increase to annual assessments.

The program has been an overwhelming success bringing the whole of FCCA rapidly into compliance. FCCA has offered to assist other associations and management companies in developing similar programs or possibly "piggy back" on the existing residential tree trimming contract.

For information about the Tree Trimming Ordinance, call 281-275-2450.

## Help "Pump" up our Water Savings!

**T**he City of Sugar Land is facing governmental requirements to partially convert its water supply from ground water to surface water. City staff are working hard to find the best quality, lowest cost options to ease our transition into the new surface water future. If you are a homeowner with an irrigation pump on Oyster Creek, or Horseshoe, Cleveland, Alkire or Eldridge Lakes, there's something you can do to help lower the cost for yourself and your fellow citizens.

The City is requesting permission to install and read meters, at no cost, on your existing irrigation pumps. Under the surface water conversion regulations, the City receives credits for all surface water that is used. If metered, the water you pump from Oyster Creek can earn these credits which in turn can be used to lower the cost of meeting our community's surface water goals. If you have an existing irrigation pump on one of these water bodies and would like to volunteer for this program, please contact the Utilities Department at 281-275-2450.

## Great Water is as Close as Your Faucet

**T**he City of Sugar Land's Utilities Department recently received two recognition certificates from the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ), one for Outstanding Public Drinking Water System Award 2006 and one for Total Coliform Rule Program Award 2006.

The purpose of the awards is to recognize the commitment to protecting public health, to focus public attention on the importance of water facilities, and to provide opportunities for water systems management to interact with each other, national organizations and the regulatory agency.

"The City's water utilities

staff is committed to the best service, 24/7, and the best water. These two awards prove again that the finest tasting and safest water we can drink comes right from our faucets at home," says SuEllen Staggs, director of Utilities.

In order to have received the Outstanding Public Drinking

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## Sugar Land Hosts City Recycling Challenge

**A**nually, the United States Conference of Mayors, Novelis Corporation, and Keep America Beautiful sponsor the Cans for Cash City Recycling Challenge, a national contest that rewards cities for recycling aluminum beverage cans. As a challenge to residents, the City of Sugar Land and Keep Sugar Land Beautiful (KSLB) are co-sponsoring the Cans Across Sugar Land Recycling Challenge. Please help us collect the 63,000 aluminum cans needed to span the



width of Sugar Land.

The City of Sugar Land and KSLB will recognize the individual or group within the following three categories who collects the most aluminum cans and donates

them at the Cans Across Sugar Land Collection Event on October 27th at Eldridge Park:

- **Family** (Up to 10 people)
- **Business or Small Group** (10 to 100 people)
- **Large Group** (More than 100 people)

## Recycling Locations

Aluminum cans will be collected October 1st to October 30th at the following locations:

### City of Sugar Land Recycle Centers

- 113 Gillingham Lane
- 4802 Oilfield Road

### Raising Cane's Restaurant

1529 S. Highway 6

### Recycle for Reuse Event

October 13th (10 a.m. – 2 p.m.)  
FBISD Administration Building,  
16431 Lexington Boulevard

### Cans Across Sugar Land Collection Event

October 27th (10 a.m. – 2 p.m.)  
Eldridge Park, 2511 Eldridge Road

## Brazos

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Fotofest and many more agencies will be hosting games and activities showcasing how to conserve and protect the environment—and have fun all at the same time.

There will be an educational area with interactive ecological activities and hands-on learning opportunities. Children can explore the game area with bounce houses and a lot of things to discover. The main stage will feature live educational entertainment throughout the day. The Texas Zoo will conduct a wildlife demonstration with native Texas animals and reptiles, and Last Chance Forever will have a wild bird show. Mad Science of Houston will be

doing a show about the “4 R’s.” Other entertainment is being scheduled as SLT goes to press. A variety of food and drink vendors will be at the park throughout the day.

While there is parking at the park site, it may be advisable to park at one of two remote locations—the University of Houston campus and Fluor Corp.—and take a shuttle (running every 15 minutes) to and from the events.

### An evening to celebrate and commemorate

As dusk sets in, the official launching of the park will be symbolized with tethered hot air balloons glowing to accent the Sugar Land sunset. A



On November 10, Sugar Land's Memorial Park will officially open.

Veterans' procession follows, recognizing and honoring those men and women who have served our country.

The Veterans' recognition will conclude with a spectacular 20-minute fireworks display to welcome Sugar Land's latest recreational area.

Admission and all activities are free, so prepare for a day filled with fun and come out to help us launch the largest and most ecologically diverse park in Sugar Land.

### History of the Park Project

In 2004, Sugar Land completed an initial plan for the development of a conservation and recreation park on 420-acres located along the Brazos River corridor, bounded by U.S. Highway 59, the University of Houston-Sugar Land, and University Boulevard. The first phase includes a park entry at the current intersection of Commonwealth and University boulevards. Citizens will enjoy two-and-a-half miles of walking/jogging trails, a picnic pavilion, restroom building, parking areas, canoe launch, playground, open space for sport activities and a lake. Through an agreement with the U.S. Highway

59 construction contractor, William's Brothers, a 20 acre lake has been dug. The soil excavated for the lake is being used for the U.S. 59 project. Most of the land will remain in its current condition as conservation land to provide natural habitat. Sugar Land Memorial Park will provide many recreational opportunities for present and future generations.

Sugar Land Memorial Park is the first phase of one of the most significant projects ever undertaken in Fort Bend County—to develop a linear park and create conservation and recreation opportunities along the full 9-mile stretch of the Brazos River through Sugar Land. The activities will be developed on floodway property adjacent to both sides of the river. A total of 3600 acres lies in the floodway boundary within the Sugar Land's Corporate Limits. Sugar Land has succeeded in securing more than 1100 acres. All of the land has been received through donations from the State of Texas and parkland dedications from developers.

For more information, visit: [www.sugarlandtx.gov](http://www.sugarlandtx.gov) or call the Parks and Recreation office at (281) 275-2885.

## Streets

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of the storm sewer system is exceeded, the additional runoff is stored and conveyed via streets in a manner that reduces structural (house) flooding. The overall objective of the combined system (storm sewers and streets) is to prevent structural flooding in an extreme event such as a 100-year storm.

In other words, streets are engineered to move traffic and rain water. Current design criteria requires that building slabs be elevated at least one foot above the top of the curb (measured from the front of the lot) or at least one foot above the maximum ponding elevation (during a 100-year event). This allows for our streets to store as much as 18 inches during an extreme rain event.

We saw this level of ponding several years ago during Tropical Storm Allison, with rainfall slightly exceeding a 100-year event. Yet, only a handful of houses flooded.

The storm water design criterion was developed in 1987, so some developments before then may not meet this standard. Typically, in these older subdivisions (built prior to 1987), it is not unusual to see a higher level of street ponding during minor rain events.

Streets are an important part of our City's drainage system—and in order for them to “do their jobs,” storm drains must not be clogged with branches, leaves and trash. Make it a habit of periodically checking the storm drains on your street—keeping them clear of debris will go a long way in alleviating flooding concerns.



## Water

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Water System award, the City had to:

- Meet the criteria for being recognized as a superior or approved Public Works System. These criteria are established by Texas Administrative Code.
  - Meet the criteria for the Total Coliform Rule Program Award.
  - Exceed the capacity requirements for total storage and production or pressure storage.
  - Promote year-round water conservation.
  - Implement a source water protection program.
  - Develop and implement a vulnerability assessment and emergency response plan.
  - Have no major violations or enforcement actions for the recognition calendar year.
  - Have no Total Coliform Rule violations for 2003-2006.
  - Implemented the following source water protection activities: Emergency Response Plan or at least one other best management practice.
- The Total Coliform Rule

Program award recognizes systems that have successfully complied without a single violation for 60 consecutive months. The TCEQ states, "In achieving this consistent level of compliance, these systems are doing an exceptional job of protecting public health."

## Curfew

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Justice, "In order to pass constitutional muster, laws that impinge on fundamental constitutional rights (like curfews) must pass a strict two-pronged scrutiny test that requires jurisdictions to (1) demonstrate that there is a compelling State interest and (2) narrowly tailor the means to achieve the law's objective."

In Sugar Land, the crime rate dropped 16.5 percent from 2005 to 2006, and incidents of juvenile crime are minimal. Criminal Mischief cases are often viewed as an indicator of juvenile problems. Sugar Land's rate of Criminal Mischief cases also decreased from 2005 to 2006.



The master plan will provide additional miles of walking trails.

## Hike and Bike Trail Plan Available To Review on the City's Web site

**T**rails have been identified as a high priority in the City's Parks, Recreation and Open Space Master Plan and are identified as an objective in the City's Comprehensive Plan. Now, a Hike and Bike Trail Master Plan has been drafted. The master plan identifies off-street and on-street routes for utilization by bicyclists and pedestrians. The main goal of the Hike and Bike Trail Master Plan is to plan a connected system of routes for pedestrians and bicyclists for exercise, recreation and mobility. The plan focuses on linking portions of the City together as well as connecting neighborhoods to parks, schools, libraries, shopping areas and other areas of interest.

The master plan is a cul-

mination of input from many people including a citizen task force, residents, levee improvement districts, homeowners' associations, City staff, City Council and the Parks and Recreation Policy Advisory Board.

In order to formally adopt the Hike and Bike Master Plan, the plan will be presented to the Planning and Zoning Commission where a public hearing will be held before the Commission makes a recommendation to City Council. In order for the master plan to be finalized it has to be adopted by an ordinance of City Council.

Citizens who would like to comment further on the master plan may do so by sending an e-mail to [parkrec@sugarlandtx.gov](mailto:parkrec@sugarlandtx.gov).

## Cool upgrades coming to Imperial Park

Design is underway to add trails, pavilions and disc golf to Imperial Park, in accordance with the Imperial Park Master Plan. The park is located at 230 Matlage Way and is also accessible from Highway 90A. The new eight-foot concrete trail will circle the perimeter of the developed portion of the park and will be approximately one mile long, featuring a pedestrian bridge and two pavilions.

Disc golf is similar to traditional golf. Instead of a ball and clubs, however, players use a disc, or Frisbee®. The nine-hole course will be located in the southern, undeveloped portion of the park and will wind through existing trees. Golfers must bring their own discs. The course will be playable by the end of this year. All the Imperial improvements will be completed by late 2009.

## Leisure Classes

**Call 281-275-2885**  
for registration information  
(Fees slightly higher for non-residents)

### Duplicate Bridge

*Sue Williams, certified ACBL  
Director and Teacher*

**When:** Tuesdays, 9 a.m. to  
12:30 p.m., 2nd, 4th and 5th  
(when applicable) Thursday  
of the month  
1 to 4:30 p.m.

**Where:** First Colony  
Community Center

**Fees:**  
Resident - \$4 per game

**No experience? No problem!**  
Play will accommodate all  
levels of experience!  
Space is limited, so reserve  
your spot today!  
For more information call:  
281-980-9588

### Tennis Lessons

City Park Tennis Courts  
Fort Bend Tennis Services  
For more information on dates  
and times, call: 281-980-4219

### Jazzercise

**When:** Monday, Wednesday  
and Friday, 8:15 a.m., 9:30  
a.m., 4:30 p.m., 5:40 p.m.  
Tuesday: 5:40 p.m.  
Thursday: 9:30 a.m. and  
5:40 p.m.  
Saturday: 8 a.m. and 9 a.m.

**Where:** First Colony  
Community Center  
3232 Austin Pkwy.  
For more information call:  
281-437-7157  
[www.fortbendjazz.com](http://www.fortbendjazz.com)

### Senior Jazzercise

**When:** Tuesday 9 a.m.  
Thursday 8:30 a.m.  
**Ages:** 50 years and older  
**Where:** Sugar Land  
Community Center  
For more information call:  
281-437-7157  
[www.pearftbendjazz.com](http://www.pearftbendjazz.com)

### Tai Chi

*Donna Kish*

**When:** Wednesday  
7 p.m.: Beginner  
**Where:** Sugar Land  
Community Center  
**Ages:** 14 - Adult  
**Fees:** Resident - \$7 per class

### Senior Tai Chi

*Donna Kish*

**When:** Wednesday, 9 a.m.  
**Where:** Sugar Land Senior  
Center  
**Ages:** 50 years and older  
No fee

### Ballet Flamenco

*Yvonne Robertson*

**When:** Monday  
**Where:** Lost Creek Center

▪ **Beginner** (ages 4 - 12)  
4:15 p.m.

**Fees:** Residents - \$35 per  
month

▪ **Intermediate I** (ages 5 - 12)  
5:20 p.m.

**Fees:** Residents - \$70 per  
month

For more information on attire  
call: 281-460-2412



## SUGAR LAND TOWN SQUARE HAPPENINGS

For more information:  
[www.sugarlandtownsquare.com](http://www.sugarlandtownsquare.com)

### October

#### October 13

Freddy-n-Friendz  
children's concert  
11 a.m. - Noon

*Movie Under the Moon*  
Starts at 8:30 p.m.

#### October 17

Young at Heart Expo  
9 a.m. - 3 p.m.

#### October 19

Concert on the Plaza  
7 - 9 p.m.

#### October 20

SLTS Second Annual Chili  
Cookoff  
5 - 9 p.m.

#### October 27

Jaguar Car Show  
9 a.m. - 5 p.m.

### November

#### November 17

Food Sculpting Contest  
9 a.m. - 5 p.m.

#### November 29

Christmas Tree Lighting  
5 - 8 p.m.

### December

*Carriage Rides through Town  
Square are available from  
6 - 10 p.m. on December 1, 7, 8,  
14, 15, 21 and 22.*

#### December 1

Tablesalt Jazz Holiday  
Concert  
3 - 5 p.m.

#### December 2

Photos with Santa  
2 - 5 p.m.

#### December 7

Brass Quintet Holiday  
Concert  
7 - 9 p.m.

#### December 8

Houston Choral Showcase  
3 - 5 p.m.

#### December 9

Photos with Santa  
2 - 5 p.m.  
Sugar Land Express Singers  
3 - 5 p.m.

#### December 14

Sugar Land First United  
Methodist Church  
Performance  
7 - 9 p.m.

#### December 15

Ann Moody Sill Holiday  
Dance Performance  
2 - 5 p.m.

#### December 16

Photos with Santa  
2 - 5 p.m.  
Williams Trace Baptist  
Church Performance  
4 - 5:30 p.m.

## Share Your Holiday Food Drive

**P**lease open your heart and  
contribute to this year's  
Share Your Holiday Food Drive!  
Through your generous contri-  
butions, hundreds of Fort Bend  
families will be fed this holiday  
season. Donate canned goods,  
baby formula, diapers, and other  
non-perishable food items from

8 a.m. to 7 p.m., Wednesday,  
December 5, at The Sugar Land  
Community Center. Cash dona-  
tions or checks made payable  
to the East Fort Bend Human  
Needs Ministry will also be  
accepted. For more information,  
call 281- 275-2885 or visit [www.sugarlandtx.gov](http://www.sugarlandtx.gov).





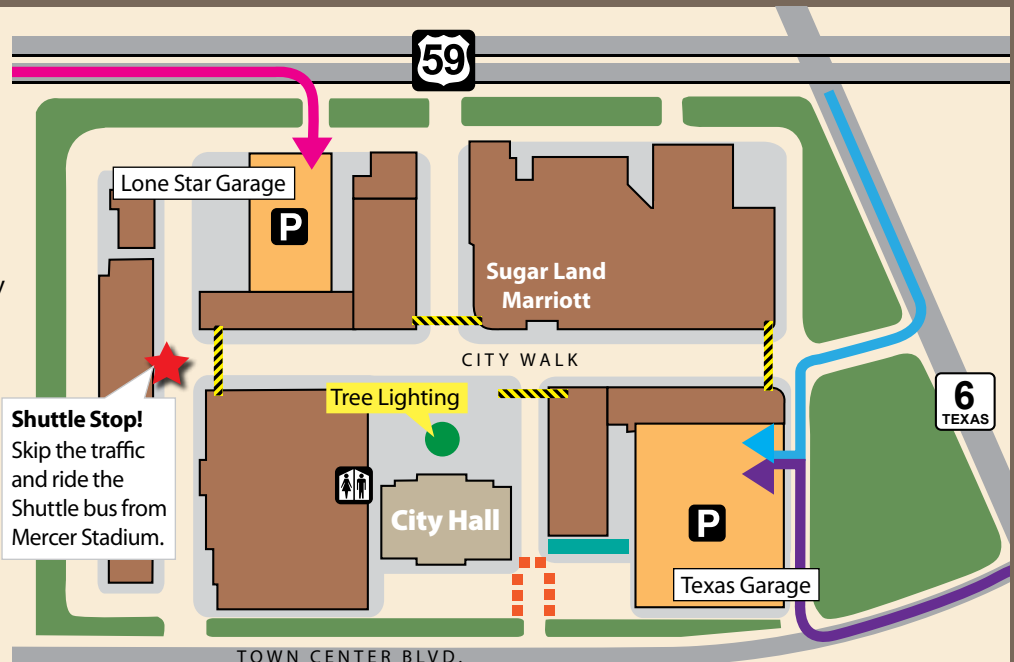
# CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHTING 2007

## Sugar Land Town Square

**Note:** Streets close at 2 p.m. for Event

- █ From northbound U.S. 59, exit Highway 6 to feeder road and park in the Lone Star Garage.
- █ From southbound U.S. 59 (or Highway 6 going south) use City Walk to park in Texas Garage.
- █ From northbound Highway 6, use Town Center Blvd. to park in Texas Garage.

- █ Portable restrooms
- █ Traffic cones
-  Public restrooms
-  Parking



Snowflakes will be seen fluttering through Town Square during the 5th annual City of Sugar Land Tree Lighting Ceremony on Thursday, November 29th from 5 to 8 p.m. There will be wonderful performances by local choirs, bands, and plenty of activities

for the kids. Santa Claus will visit the Square that evening for photo opportunities. Come be a part of this memorable event as we mark the start of the holidays by lighting up the giant 40-foot tree! Parking and activities will be free for the

public. For more information visit Sugar Land Town Square's Web site at [www.sugarlandtownsquare.com](http://www.sugarlandtownsquare.com). It may be easier to park at Mercer Stadium, and there will be shuttle trolleys to Town Square every 15 minutes from 4:30 p.m. to 9 p.m.

## Senior Programs

For information about senior activities or to sign up for "Sweet Notes," call 281-275-2893 or email [seniors@sugarlandtx.gov](mailto:seniors@sugarlandtx.gov).

### Port of Houston Tour

*Friday, November 2,  
depart at 9 a.m.*  
Port of Houston Boat Tour and lunch at Monument Inn.  
Cost: \$35 for residents.

### Mystery Van Trip

*Friday, November 16,  
depart at 9 a.m.*  
Cost: \$35 for residents

### Gruene, Wurstfest and Shopping

*Tuesday, Wednesday and  
Thursday, November 6, 7 & 8,  
depart Tuesday at 7:30 a.m.*  
Gruene, Wurstfest, Grist Mill

Restaurant, Naegelin's Bakery and shopping in San Marcos.  
Cost for residents: double room, \$225 per person; single room, \$275. A \$100 deposit is due at the time of registration. Cost includes transportation, hotel, two breakfasts and tours.

### Old Town Spring

*Friday, December 14,  
depart at 9 a.m.*  
Old Town Spring and the Potatoe Patch Restaurant.  
Cost: \$12, which includes transportation, but not lunch.

### Giddings

*Wednesday, December 5,  
depart at 7:30 a.m.*  
Historic Giddings: Lee County Courthouse, Wendish Heritage Museum, the Lee County Peanut Company and the Serbin Painted Church.  
Cost: \$65 for residents, for transportation, tours and lunch.

### Young At Heart Expo

*Wednesday, October 17,  
9 a.m. – 3 p.m.*  
Town Square  
Fashion, make-up, decorating for the holidays, City Hall Tours  
Cost: Free

### Monster Mash

*Wednesday, October 31,  
5 – 8 p.m.*

Sugar Land Community Center  
Cost: \$4 single/\$6 couple

### Senior Safety

These free, informative programs provide a wealth of information.  
Tuesdays at 10 a.m.  
Sugar Land Senior Center  
Cost: Free  
Pre-registration is requested

### October 9:

2007 NFPA Fire Prevention Week

### November 13:

Holiday Safety and Winter Safety

### December 11:

Homeland Security Color Alerts. Amber Alerts and Carbon Monoxide

# calendar

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	Date	Event	Time	Location
NOVEMBER	6, 20	City Council	5:30 p.m.	City Hall
	10	<b>Opening of Sugar Land Memorial Park</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Park Dedication</li> <li>▪ Veterans Procession</li> <li>▪ Fireworks</li> </ul>	2–9 p.m. 6 p.m. 6:45 p.m. (approx.) 7:00 p.m. (approx.)	Brazos River Park
	10	Latex Paint Collection	10 a.m.–1 p.m.	U of H Sugar Land Campus
	11	Veterans Day		
	13	Planning and Zoning Commission Parks Board Meeting	7 p.m. 5:30 p.m.	City Hall City Hall
	22	<b>Thanksgiving</b> <i>City offices closed; No trash collection</i>		
	23	<i>City offices closed</i> Thursday's trash collection		
	24	Friday's trash collection		
	29	<b>Christmas Tree Lighting Celebration</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Tree Lighting</li> </ul>	5 p.m. 7 p.m. (approx.)	Town Square
DECEMBER	1	2nd Annual Fort Bend Holiday Bowl	2:00 p.m.	Old Kempner Stadium
	4, 18	City Council	5:30 p.m.	City Hall
	5	"Share Your Holiday" Food Drive	8 a.m. - 7 p.m.	Sugar Land Community Center
	11	Planning and Zoning Commission Parks Board Meeting	7 p.m. 5:30 p.m.	City Hall City Hall
	13	Senior Holiday Gala	Noon - 3 p.m.	Sugar Land Community Center
	24	<i>City offices closed; trash collected</i>		
	25	<b>Christmas</b> <i>City offices closed</i>		
	26	Tuesday's trash collection		



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